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SUBJ: CHILE DEBT RESCHEDULING

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1. DCM SAW FONOFF DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION VAN GORKOM MORNING OF MARCH 4 TO CARRY OUT
DEMARCHE PER REFTTEL. DCM EMPHASIZED SERIOUS USG CONCERN
OVER INTRODUCING POLITICAL FACTORS INTO A PROCESS
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WHICH SHOULD BE LIMITED ONLY TO

ECONMIC AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS. DANGER OF THIS PRECEDENT SPILLING OVER INTO THE MANY OTHER INTERNATIONAL CREDITOR CLUBS WAS ALSO NOTED.

2. VAN GORKOM LISTENED ATTENTIVELY AND SAID US DEMARCHE WOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE POLITICAL LEVELS OF THE GON WHICH HAD NOT YET REACHED DECISION ON ATTENDANCE AT THE MARCH 24-25 PARIS MEETING. VAN GORKOM INDICATED THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE PRESENT NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT NOT TO BE MINDFUL OF THE PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHILE. HE CALLED ATTENTION TO THE EXTREME CRITICISM WHICH FONMIN VAN DER STOEL HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO DURING LAST WEEK'S PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON THE FOREIGN MINISTRY BUDGET BECAUSE THE NETHERLANDS DELEGATION IN GENEVA HAD ACQUIESCED IN A NONALIGNED-SPONSORED RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO SEND A FACT-FINDING DELEGATION TO CHILE. ACCORDING TO VAN GORKOM, THE DUTCH LEFT WAS OUTRAGED BECAUSE THE DUTCH HAD WITHDRAWN THEIR RESOLUTION WHICH THEY WERE CO-SPONSORING WITH THE UK AND NICARAGUA AND WHICH CONTAINED LANGUAGE CONDEMNATORY OF THE CHILE GOVERNMENT WHICH WAS WATERED DOWN IN THE NONALIGNED RESOLUTION.

3. VAN GORKOM CONFIRMED INFORMATION IN COEPHAGEN 0611 THAT GON DEVELOPMENT AID MINISTER PRONK WOULD CHAIR A MEETING THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 7, OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM CREDITOR COUNTRIES WITH SOCIALIST GOVERNMENTS. VAN GORKOM AGREED THAT POSITION THE DUTCH TOOK AT THAT MEETING COULD VERY WELL BE INFLUENTIAL. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, HE SAID THAT PRONK AND FINANCE MINISTER DUISENBERG (ALSO A MEMBER OF THE LABOR PARTY) HAD TALKED ABOUT THE CHILE DEBT MEETING SEVERAL TIMES AND THERE WERE NO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEM.

4. VAN GORKOM PROMISED TO GIVE THE DCM A READ-OUT ON THE MARCH 7 MEETING LATE THAT AFTERNOON. WITHOUT PREDICTING THE RESULTS, HE GAVE NO GROUNDS FOR OPTIMISM THAT THE GON WOULD OVERCOME ITS POLITICAL OBJECTIONS TO PARTICIPATION IN THE PARIS MEETING. HE READILY

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AGREED WITH THE SUGGESTION THAT IF THE DEPARTMENT DESIRED, THE MATTER COULD BE PURSUED WITH PRONK AND HIM WHEN THEY VISIT WASHINGTON MARCH 10-12.

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